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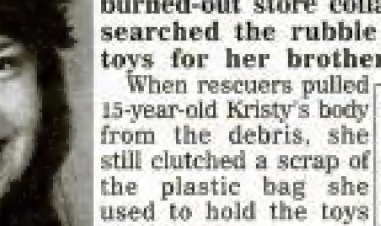
THE GIRL WHO DIED PLAYING SANTA FOR HER POOR FAMILY

Note from the desk of *WEEKLY WORLD NEWS* EDITOR Eddie Clontz:

Amid the bustle of the holidays, we sometimes forget to count our blessings. But even the poorest among us can count ourselves lucky as friends and family gather near us in this wonderful season of giving.

Eight years ago this month, I was working late one night when I looked up to see a street-tough *Weekly World News* police reporter at his typewriter with tears running down his cheeks.

This is the story he was writing . . .



YOUNG Kristy Delaney, above, lost her life while on a mission of love for her brothers and sisters, four of whom are shown at right, with Kristy and her mom.

Wall of burned-out store fell & crushed her as she searched through the rubble for toys

By **LOUIS BRANDT** / *Weekly World News*

POTEAU, Okla. — Poverty-stricken teenager Kristy Delaney was crushed to death when the wall of a burned-out store collapsed — as she searched the rubble for Christmas toys for her brothers and sisters.

When rescuers pulled 15-year-old Kristy's body from the debris, she still clutched a scrap of the plastic bag she used to hold the toys she found.

"It was just little five and dime stuff," said Police Chief Bob Hendricks.

"It was stuff she wanted to give to her brothers and sisters at Christmas."

Brown-eyed, brown-haired Kristy was just one of eight children her 38-year-old divorced mom Judy struggled to support on the $535 she got each month from her ex-husband's Social Security.

After paying for food, secondhand clothes, utilities and the rent on their bare three-bedroom house, there never was much money left over for the kind of Christmas the other kids enjoyed.

"I was going to put off paying the bills so that I could give them each something this Christmas," the teen's anguished mom told the *Weekly World News*. "We never had much. I was never able to give them the things they wanted. But we had our love. We had a happy family. We had each other.

"That day . . . the day she died . . . Kristy said she was going to get some toys to give as Christmas presents. I told her not to go because it was too dangerous. I told her we didn't need the toys that bad. But she went anyway. And she was killed when the wall fell. Later, I was told she had been putting the toys in a plastic bag.

"Her friend J.J. Melton said there were toys scattered around her when she was found outside the store. So I guess she was looking for Christmas toys. It's the kind of thing she would have done for her brothers and sisters."

When a funeral home demanded that Judy pay $3,000 before Kristy could be buried, the kindly townspeople of Poteau reached into their own pockets to pay the tab. But there wasn't enough left over to buy a gravestone.

"There was a secondhand dress that Kristy had wanted for her prom," Judy recalled. "I was going to save to buy it. The store gave it to me for nothing so that Kristy would have something pretty to be buried in.

"I was happy about that because Kristy and I were real close. I was her mother, her big sister, her friend.

"I'm having a hard time understanding that she's gone. I look for her everywhere. She was such a beautiful loving little girl.

"Now she's gone and I miss her terribly. So do her brothers and sisters. Christmas just won't be the same without her. It won't ever be the same."

Wrestlers duke it out in live eels!

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Government study proves:

2.2 million will lose their jobs in 1997

By ROYCE MITCHELL / *Weekly World News*

AUTHOR: Richard Fauldin.

WASHINGTON — People think office Christmas parties are fun and games — but nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, office parties are social minefields that will cost an estimated 2.2 million American workers their jobs this holiday season alone, government studies show.

. . . for acting STUPID at office Christmas parties!

"Office parties aren't for everyone — or at least, they shouldn't be," warned sociologist Richard Fauldin, author of the important new book, *Surviving the Office Party and Other Ways to Keep Your Job — Forever.*

"The problem is often booze," he added. "When people drink, all kinds of thoughts and emotions come out that would be better off suppressed. People who normally have the good sense to hold their tongues begin to pontificate and voice strong, alcohol-inflated opinions.

"You'd be surprised at how many clerks and secretaries suddenly 'realize' they are smarter than the boss — and tell him so. Sex becomes a very hot topic as the drinks flow and nobody, not even the boss, is immune to trouble. What begins as flirting often turns into something much more serious and ugly, with marriages, jobs and self-respect hanging in the balance."

Here are government statistics on the kinds of trouble people can expect to encounter at office Christmas parties. Figures are based on studies that show what happened in past years.

● By far the most dangerous thing to do at the office Christmas party is talk to the boss.

A staggering 2.2 million people will lose their jobs or be demoted as a result of saying the wrong thing to the men or women who sign their paychecks.

● At least 290,000 marriages will be damaged beyond repair because of something that happened at an office party. A little over half of those will end in divorce within a year.

● There will be at least 450,000 unplanned pregnancies as a direct result of illicit sexual encounters during office parties this year.

A staggering 50,000 women will have been so drunk during sex that they won't remember who their lovers were!

Fauldin said: "If you want to survive this year's office party you should go early, steer clear of the boss, avoid booze — and be sure to leave before trouble starts."

First-ever nudist railway cars!

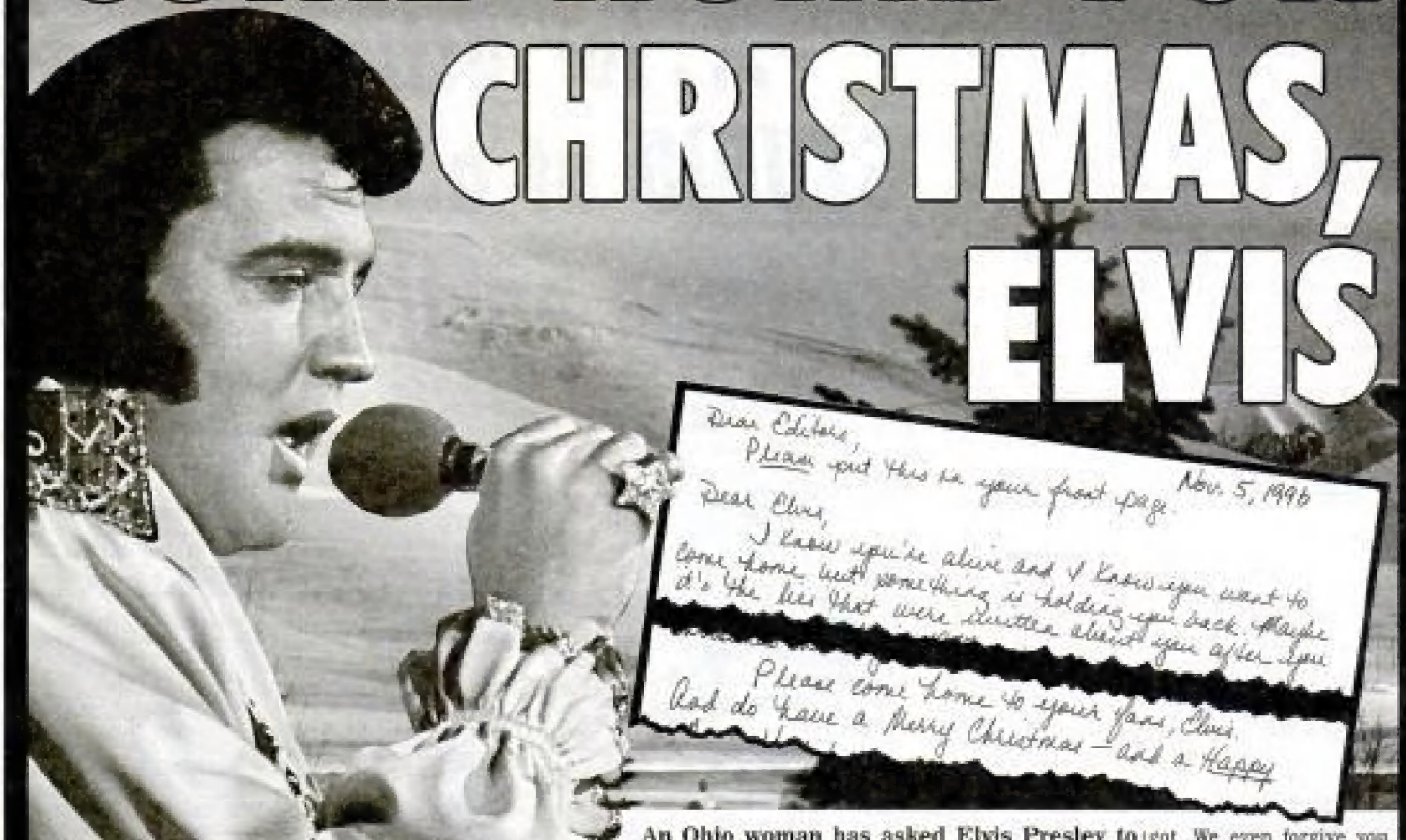
The French railway system became the first in the world last month to reserve special "clothing optional" trains for folks who like to ride in the nude, Paris newspapers report.

MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO!

It was definitely a case of hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil as little Tracey Graham, 4, and her chimpanzee pals film a commercial at a zoo near Leamington, England. While shy Tracey was hiding her eyes from the camera, the chimps

Heartbroken fan's letter makes touching plea to The King:

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, ELVIS



An Ohio woman has asked Elvis Presley to come out of hiding "and give the ultimate Christmas gift to your fans!"

In a stirring but unsigned letter to *Weekly World News*, the woman, who lives in Columbus, argues that Elvis faked his death of a heart attack in 1977 and is still very much alive.

She also pleads with The King to reconsider his life in hiding and "make this our best Christmas in 20 years."

The entire holiday message to Presley goes like this:

"Dear Elvis, I know you're alive and I know you want to come home but something is holding you back.

"Maybe it's the lies that were written about you after

By JAMIE GRAY
Weekly World News

Maybe you think your voice isn't what it used to be and maybe you think you're getting too old and fat. Well, that just isn't so. And even if it is, it doesn't matter.

"Your fans are older and have put on weight also.

"And besides, we loved Elvis the man, not the way he looked. You'll always look great

got. We even forgive you for pretending to be dead because we know that it just got too hard for you to be a star.

"We understand, but it's just so hard to live without you.

"That's why I'm asking you to do something special for us this Christmas. You can make this a holiday to remember. You can make this our best Christmas in 20 years.

"Please come home to your fans, Elvis. And do have a Merry Christmas — and a Happy New Year."

The letter was signed: A

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Page 5 Girl!

Get out the cookies and milk, 'cause Santa Claus is coming to town. Unfortunately, the St. Nick who slips down your chimney on Christmas Eve won't look a thing like curvy Claire Louise, who donned the Santa suit to pass out gifts at a children's party near her home in London. When she isn't spreading holiday cheer, cutie-pie Claire is one of Europe's hottest models.

If you'd like to be our Page 5 Girl, send a picture, a phone number where you can be reached and some information about yourself to Page 5, Weekly

HOT NEW TREND:

More Americans marrying because they LIKE their future in-laws!

There's a surprising new trend in marriage — more and more men and women are choosing their spouses because they like what they see in their potential in-laws.

"People 'marry families' to get a second chance at the kind of family they always wanted," said psychologist Dr. Herbert Hoffman.

"A man, for example, may seek a strong father to replace a weak one. Or a woman brought up by a 'career' mother might be attracted to a cookie-baking, stay-at-home mother-in-law.

"An only child, reared in a quiet home in an all-adult environment, might leap at the opportunity to join a big, noisy family with lots of brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. One woman told me that the congenial outdoor barbecues her husband-to-be's family enjoyed with friends and neighbors each weekend was the deciding factor in her choice.

"Her family had rarely eaten together. And when they did, it was in silence. But his family made a habit of dining together at every opportunity — and their lively conversation was what she'd longed for."

Often people don't realize they have chosen a marriage partner because of his or her family, Dr. Hoffman explained.

But the "marry-a-family" trend is growing. Many young adults today are seeking a "fantasy family" — like the ones they've seen on TV series such as *The Waltons* and *Eight Is Enough*.

"Many of today's young adults were raised by single or working parents," Dr. Hoffman noted. "As a result, they grew up feeling they'd 'missed out' on something during their childhood and they're on the lookout for 'substitute' families."

Evil prince used to gun down his subjects at random!

Evil Prince Otto of Bavaria used to stroll through the countryside and shoot his subjects at random!

No one was safe. Otto is said to have gunned people down for the flimsiest of "offenses," mostly having to do with food. People reportedly died for spilling food on their shirts, dropping their napkins and chewing with their mouths open.

Otto who ruled in the late 1800s, is considered to be second

complete freedom

HOW TO BEAT THE HOLIDAY BLUES!

10 expert tips to have you singing 'Jingle Bells' in no time flat!

By ELAINE ROBERTS / *Weekly World News*

Does it seem that everyone else is humming *Jingle Bells* while you're moaning the holiday blues?

Don't worry — you can be happy at Christmas by following a few simple suggestions from the experts.

Here are some reasons why folks feel sad at Christmastime:

● **The stress associated with shopping** — fighting the crowds, hunting for gifts and spending too much money.

● Having unrealistic expectations about Christmas. Some people feel that just because it's "the season to be jolly," all their problems will vanish.

● Eating and drinking too much. Holiday dinners and parties can leave us with horrendous hangovers and unwanted pounds. To beat the blues this holiday season, psychologist Dr. Harriet Braiker and psychiatrist Dr. Darold Treffert offer these tips:

● Reach out to other people. "Don't be bashful about seeking out friends," Dr. Braiker said. "Ask them if you can join them for some of their holiday activities. You may feel awkward doing this — but it's better than sitting at home."

● Set a limit on how much you're going to spend on gifts and stick to it.

● Don't leave your shopping until the last minute.

● Don't expect that you're always going to feel cheerful.

● If Christmas brings painful memories because of the loss of a loved one through death or divorce, change the holiday routines that trigger the memories.

For example, if you've always stayed home for Christmas, take a trip.

● Don't eat or drink too much and get plenty of sleep. It'll help you avoid downward mood swings.

● Get rid of Christmas traditions that are no longer fun.

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LITTLE GIRL BURIED IN CHRISTMAS PLAYHOUSE

By JENNIFER BROOKES / *Weekly World News*

On a plot of ground in the peaceful Alabama countryside, a child's playhouse shelters the cherished dolls — and the little grave — of the tragic imp of a girl who was buried there on Christmas Eve of 1933!

Standing in the Lanett City Cemetery, its shingled roof and brick walls are a lasting memorial to Nadine Earles, a 5-year-old girl who died suddenly of pneumonia a week before Christmas more than a half-century ago.

5-year-old laid to rest on Christmas Eve 1933 — with her favorite dolls

In the joyful, unsuspecting days leading up to that tragic Christmas, Nadine had used every scheme a child's mind could devise to let her parents know that, more than anything else, she wanted Santa to bring her a playhouse.

It's only speculation — J.C. and Alma Earles rest in their own graves now — but most likely the loving parents pretended not to notice the tot's not-so-subtle hints.

But if death had not snatched their little girl so swiftly from them, as sure as the sun rises in the east, Nadine would have been romping in her very own dream house on that long-ago Christmas morn.

And so, in their anguish, Nadine's heartbroken parents resolved not to let their baby's Christmas dream die.

The playhouse was built over Nadine's grave in Lanett City Cemetery.

Inside, surrounded by her dolls, toys and photographs, a small marble stone bears a bittersweet lament: "Our darling little girl — sweetest in the world, Nadine Earles."

On the slab is an artificial Christmas tree and some of Nadine's favorite toys and dolls. The bizarre monument with its faded lace curtains and striped wooden awnings attracts tourists from many other states.

"I haven't been to see it in a long time — I've been too sick," Nadine's elderly aunt, Mrs. R. A. Earles, told *Weekly World News*.

"But the cemetery people keep it looking real pretty."

SWEET Nadine Earles died of pneumonia in 1933.

INSIDE: Gifts from Santa fill the playhouse and sit atop the stone that marks the child's final resting place.

Trained termites perform at fairs

BOMBAY, India — The world's No. 1 trained termites perform three times a day at street fairs here — running through formations like a marching band, jumping on command and even dancing!

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FOUR HORSEMEN OF PHOTOGRAPHED IN ARIZONA

By REX WOLFE / *Correspondent*

HAYDEN, Ariz. — The Bible's Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse were photographed here just days ago, terrifying scholars who say the appearance of the evil entities can mean only one thing — the end of the world as we know it!

"Take this news lightly at your own peril," declared Dr. Paul Pommer, a Bible scholar who obtained a copy of the photograph from government sources after it was analyzed and declared authentic.

"The Four Horsemen have appeared on Earth on several occasions in the past, and in each instance, something terrible has happened in their wake.

"They were seen by hundreds of people in Germany and France days before the start of World War II. They were also sighted in Iraq a few weeks before the beginning of the Gulf War.

"Their appearance in the countryside east of Hayden is particularly disturbing because there seems to be little possibility that war will break out here.

"The only reasonable explanation is that the Four Horsemen are signaling the onset of a much greater conflict — a conflict of the human spirit — and the beginning of the end of the world.

"Otherwise they wouldn't have showed up in the United States, the strongest and most stable nation on Earth."

ARTIST'S conception of the dreaded Four Horsemen.

. . . JUST DAYS AGO!

State and local authorities have clamped an unprecedented lid of secrecy on their investigation and federal officials are keeping quiet, too.

Dr. Pommer's sources, at least one of whom has close ties to the White House, did say that the matter is considered "legitimate and urgent" — with no less a figure than President Bill Clinton asking for daily updates.

The photograph was reportedly taken by an off-duty firefighter on the morning of weapon-wielding "men" on horseback.

According to Dr. Pommer's sources, the entities rode within 25 yards of the photographer before they vanished into the forest. The photographer has yet to be identified, and judging from official silence, he probably won't be. But Dr. Pommer's sources privately confirmed that the man was "badly shaken by the ordeal."

ing the Four Horsemen since the firefighter snapped their picture.

Not surprisingly, the names and addresses of the witnesses have been been stricken from official documents, Dr. Pommer said.

"To date, nothing bad has happened and nobody has been hurt," continued the expert. "But the Four Horsemen wouldn't be here if something awful wasn't in store for us. And all accounts, they are the real thing."

Not all Bible scholars agree with Dr. Pommer — and yet, the vast majority of them do. Dr. Jean-Michael LaSalle, who jetted to the U.S. from Paris to investigate, spoke for many when he said: "The Four Horsemen are here for a reason, and that reason almost certainly is bad. Last year, for example, the Four Horsemen were photographed in Argentina. Within weeks, a measles outbreak killed 600 children under the age of 5."

While the authorities struggle with the potential for danger, Dr. Pommer and others are considering the implications of the Four Horsemen appearing at this particular point in history.

"I wish I could say that mankind was standing at the crossroads, but it

Times are here!

THE APOCALYPSE

BIBLE expert Dr. Paul Pommer.

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PHOTOGRAPH of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse taken by an off-duty firefighter on November 2. A similar

This one

Meditation supercharges your brain, new research shows!

Scientists in California are stunned by results of a new study which shows that simple meditation increases blood flow to the brain up to an incredible 35 percent — more than a third.

The researchers had set out to learn why people who meditate can think very clearly — and what they found came as a complete surprise.

"The increased flow of blood to the brain seems to be the reason for the clarity of mind," concluded Dr. Ronald Jevning, Ph.D. "The rush of blood surprised us, since blood flow to the brain usually remains fairly constant during any form of relaxation."

Dr. Jevning and colleagues tested 10 practitioners of transcendental meditation (TM). "We are surprised to find blood flow increased an average of 30 to 35 percent," he said.

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Al Thomas - A teacher who supplements his income on a part-time basis. "This is extra money, we're talking at least *$2000.00/a month* that I make using SMC's programs, and that's the tip of the iceberg."

George Huang - He came to the United States 20 years ago with just enough money to sign on with SMC (it only takes $25.00). Now, money is no longer a worry. "I do a volume of *five* million dollars ($5,000,000) a year. All thanks to SMC."

David and Laurie Schoneburg - He was laid off without warning from a good job at a top aerospace firm, and turned to SMC for help. "On our first day... we did over $400.00," says Laurie, "and that was exciting!" Adds David, "It makes me feel good that I'm in control of my destiny. The success I achieve is a matter of how much I decide to put into it. Right now I'm working half the amount of time I used to and *I'm making just as much money!*"

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HOLLYWOOD'S ANSWER GIRL

Q Gina Lollobrigida and Sophia Loren were two sexy Italian sirens in Hollywood's movie heyday.

But were they friends?

— Eric N., Columbus, Ind.

CATTY ITALIAN SCREEN STARS: Gina Lollobrigida and Sophia Loren.

A Are you kidding? Here's what they had to say about each other. Gina on Sophia: "Sophia is a very pretty girl but she cannot threaten me because she is incapable of playing my roles." Sophia on Gina: "Her personality is limited. She is good as a peasant girl, but incapable of playing a lady."

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Q These wimpy leading men nowadays can't hold a candle to stars like strong, silent Gary Cooper, who stole the hearts of women movie-goers in the '40s. Was "Coop" as virile in real life as he seemed to be on-screen?

— Agnes T., Tampa, Fla.

STRONG, SILENT TYPE: Gary Cooper.

A Not according to his ex-lover, screen comedienne **Carole Lombard**. Carole, who later married film legend **Clark Gable**, says Gary *High Noon* Cooper was anything but macho offscreen. "Carole regarded him as markedly effeminate in his mannerisms," said one of her biographers. "He was not at all the stalwart he impersonated so effectively on film."

Q A friend just told me something I never knew about 1940s movie hunk Errol Flynn. She says Flynn once had a sizzling romance with the wife of some South American dictator. Is it true? If so, who was the woman?

— Judy J., Toronto, Canada

A It's true. And it almost cost Errol his life! The swashbuckling heartthrob had a passionate affair with none other than **Eva Peron** — wife of political strongman **Juan Peron**, who ruled Argentina with an iron hand.

When hot-blooded Juan found out about Eva and Flynn, he sent word to Errol, telling him to "Get out of Argentina in 24 hours or you'll be found dead in your room."

The legendary star of *Robin Hood* and *Captain Blood* beat it out of South America — fast.

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Q Were Clark Gable and Loretta Young once an item?

— Sheila R., Austin, Texas

A The two were certainly romantically linked during the time they made *Call of the Wild* together. And following the filming of the movie, Loretta went into a brief "retirement," emerging a number of months later to resume her career — and adopt a daughter with big ears whom she said she discovered in an orphanage. The child, Judy, looked a lot like Clark.

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Q Did Alfred Hitchcock have a fling with **Tippi Hedren**, the woman who starred in his movies *The Birds* and *Marnie*?

— Ann W., Oakland, Calif.

A No, but it wasn't for lack of trying. According to Hollywood sources, the famous director sent Hedren passionate love notes, and word has it the director once propositioned her in her trailer.

He was so furious when she rejected him that from that time on, he refused to speak to her, instructing his assistants to "Tell that girl . . ." to do whatever it was he needed.

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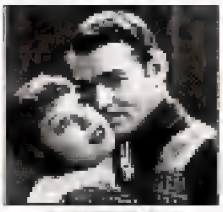
Q During the late '50s-early '60s the two sexiest stars in America were, hands down, **Marlon Brando** and **Marilyn Monroe**.

I was wondering if the two of them ever met?

— Gail T., Reno, Nev.



LOVEBIRDS? Clark Gable & Loretta Young.

A They not only met — they had a red-hot affair.

Apparently it was not an earth-moving experience for Marilyn because the next day she reportedly said to a friend, "I don't know if I'm doing it the right way."

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Q Today's top movie stars command unbelievably high salaries in the millions because they are such big box-office draws. How do their salaries compare with stars in the Golden Age of Hollywood and earlier?

— Carolyn C., San Francisco, Calif.

A Charlie Chaplin was paid $12,884 per picture in 1916, **John Barrymore**, $30,000 in 1931, **John Wayne**, $750,000-plus in the 1950s.

Big box-office draws have been paid in the millions since the early '70s.

But believe it or not, **James Cagney** played the role of **George M. Cohan** in the movie *The Seven Little Foys*, for NOTHING in 1955 out of respect for Eddie Foy, who had befriended him in his youth.

Do you have a question about your favorite celebrities that you're been dying to ask? Drop a line to Christie . . . Hollywood's Answer Girl and she'll dig up the inside scoop. This week, a special treat: Answers to your questions about film stars from Hollywood's Golden Age. Write to: Weekly World News, Christie . . . Hollywood's Answer Girl, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

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"Knowing what the stars tell you about someone's personality will help you choose the right present," says *Weekly World News* astrologer Serena Sabak.

Here are Serena's heavenly gift selections for men, women and children born under the various signs of the zodiac.

Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)

Don't buy Capricorns frivolous gifts. They want useful items. A clock would be a perfect gift. Capricorn men love gift certificates so they can buy something for themselves. Capricorn women appreciate quality so a good leather purse is ideal. Capricorn boys like toy trains and Capricorn girls like dolls that talk.

Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)

Aquarians enjoy anything electronic or futuristic. Aquarian men love telescopes or newfangled gadgets. The women appreciate jewelry with their name on it, especially anklets. Young Aquarians — both boys and girls — like chemistry sets. Miniature spaceships and computers also will make a hit.

Pisces

(February 19-March 20)

Pisces enjoy anything that

gift for a Pisces man, and Pisces women jump for joy if they get tickets to the theater or to a place where they can escape the real world.

Pisces children love space-age toys and aquariums.

Aries

(March 21-April 19)

Aries men are mechanical and sports-minded. They love tools and sports equipment as gifts.

Aries also rules the head so an Aries woman goes gaga over a hair dryer or hair ornaments. Aries kids want anything noisy or fast, such as toy racing cars and video games.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Those born under the sign of Taurus love practical, valuable gifts. Cash or gift certificates to their favorite store are ideal. Taurus children love to save money. A piggy bank is sure to please them.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

Gemini men like to be noticed so a bright-colored shirt or fancy luggage appeals to them. Gemini women love the latest fashions. Anything made of silk wins smiles. Gemini kids have short attention spans and need lots of inexpensive toys such as jigsaw puzzles and board games.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Many Cancer men are interested in food and cooking. So they'd enjoy anything for the kitchen or a gift certificate to a good restaurant. Cancer women love keepsakes or a gift that comes from the sea such as shell jewelry. Since Cancer is a nurturing sign, children born under it love doctor sets, dolls or a pet to care for.

Leo

(July 23-August 22)

Leos crave power and success. Fancy clothes and gourmet foods win smiles from a Leo man, while satin sheets or jewelry please Leo ladies. Little Leos want presents they can show off. A boy would be thrilled by a huge toy, while a girl would love a fancy dollhouse.

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

Virgos seek knowledge. You can't go wrong buying gifts that teach, from educational coloring books to wildlife videos.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)

Libras want to be surrounded by beauty so pretty gifts for their homes are good choices. They also adore candy, especially chocolates. Libra men like shaving kits and cuff links. Libra women value gifts that pamper them such as sexy lingerie. Libra kids love to swim so any kind of water toy is a great gift.

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

Scorpios of both sexes love the latest video and audio equipment. Scorpio women love strong perfumes and the tykes like building blocks, all kinds of games and dolls that move.

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)

Sagittarians are outdoor types and enjoy travel. Give a Sagittarius man a travel video and watch him smile.

Sagittarius women appreciate clothes they can relax in.

Sagittarian girls and boys love bicycles or any other

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Most women would dump hubbies in a heartbeat

. . . says shocking new survey

Most women questioned in an eye-opening *Weekly World News* survey admit they would leave their mates in a snap if it would improve their own lives — but only one-third of the men surveyed said they would!

We asked a total of 100 women and 100 men in five cities — Los Angeles, New York City, Austin, Tex., Phoenix, Ariz., and West Palm Beach, Fla. — this question: Would you leave your mate if it would improve your life in some way?

Surprisingly, 75 percent of the women said they would, while only 32 percent of the men said yes.

"If I were happier without my husband, I'd leave in a minute," said Cindy T. of Los Angeles. "I'd rather be happier by myself than unhappy with someone else."

Here are some typical comments from others who would leave their mates if it would make their lives better:

"I'd do it — you bet I would," said Patricia F. of Austin. "You only have one life to live."

Jessica M., New York City: "Yes. I'd leave my husband if it would help my career."

Tim D., Phoenix: "Yes! If it would make my life better, I'd leave."

Amy B., Austin: "Sure, if it meant greater happiness, of course I'd leave him! If the grass looks greener somewhere else, why stay stuck in the mud?"

Darlene C., New York City: "Yes, you bet! Especially if the improvement meant an escape from emotional or mental cruelty, stupidity or dependence. I've done it before — I'd do it again."

Among those who said they wouldn't leave was John J. of Phoenix: "No. My life is good right now and I wouldn't want to change it."

Betty G., Austin: "No, because at my age, 64, he's probably the best I can get."

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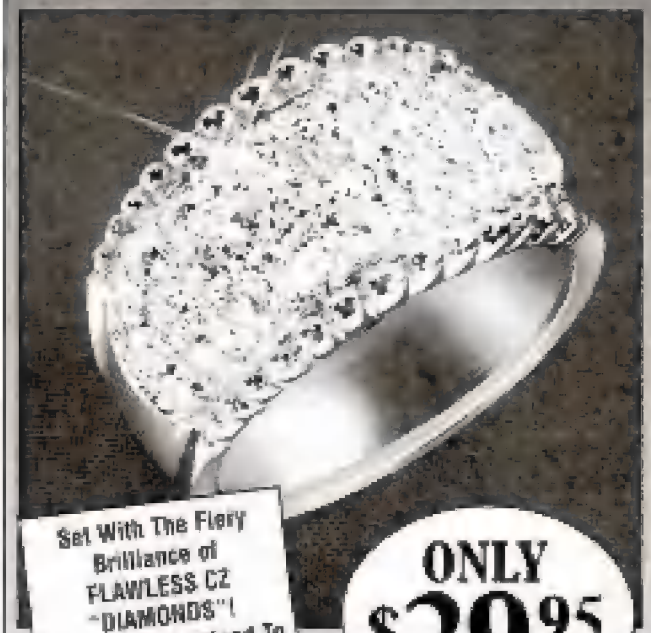

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WARNING! Squeezing pimples can kill you!

The young man had discovered a pimple developing on the bridge of his nose, so he picked at it in an effort to get rid of it.

He didn't know that in this simple act, he could be playing Russian roulette with his life.

Within a few days he was very sick. Taken to a hospital, he was found to have an infection that had spread to his brain.

Fortunately, he was treated in time with antibiotics and recovered. All this from squeezing a pimple?

Yes, if the blemish is in the area starting between the eyebrows and going down to the corners of the mouth.

Three dermatologists warn that if you squeeze a pimple in this area, you run the risk of very severe complications including brain damage.

"Veins in this area of the face are linked directly to veins in the brain," explains Dr. David Arluk.

If you squeeze a pimple in this area, you run the risk of contracting a bacterial infection which may rush to the brain. This could cause permanent damage or even death.

"Any infection which starts here would have direct access to the brain."

Dr. Alan Shalita said: "Blood drainage in this area may go directly back toward the brain.

"When you squeeze a pimple, it breaks under the skin and infected material may be forced back into the veins," he explained.

Dr. Cyrus Chess, who told about the young man who almost lost his life, agreed the dangers of pimple-squeezing can be extreme.

The specialists said that brain infection from squeezed pimples is "statistically rare," but very dangerous when it does occur.

"We can't really say how often it occurs," said Dr. Arluk. "There are probably many deaths and injuries caused by it which are not reported."

For safety's sake, he warned, never squeeze a pimple.

Even if it does not lead to serious infection, it will commonly cause scarring.

"Pimples should be treated by a physician," he said.

Con man bilks blind people in crap games!

PARIS — Con man Ricardo de Florette was arrested for taking more than $1,000 in crap games — with blind people!

Cops say the heartless bunko artist ran the daring con at various schools for the sightless, convincing his victims he could teach them to tell which numbers come up on the dice by listening to the sound.

"He suggested we place bets just to make the lessons interesting," said one victim. "We always wound up losing."

Study: Rich more likely to sue docs

The rich are much more likely to sue their doctors than the poor are, a new study reveals.

An analysis of 31,000 hospital cases in New York involving incidents in which the patient was injured showed that the poor sue at less than one-fifth the rate of wealthy patients, according to an

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MY AMERICA MY AMERICA By ED ANGER

More pets will get gifts this year than children, says shocking new survey!

I'll spend $500 on Christmas presents for my dogs

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It'll be a happy holiday for Blossom, Ed's brindle bullterrier!

I'm madder than Rin Tin Tin with a soggy Milk-bone over all the hullabaloo about the nearly $1 billion that Americans will spend on their pets this Christmas.

The bleeding-heart liberals say it's a crying shame that while nearly 40 percent of dogs will find their stockings stuffed with chew toys and designer collars on December 25 — according to a national survey by The Pet Institute of America — only 61 percent of American children will get even one toy from their parents.

The other 39 percent will have to rely on Empty Stocking Funds, Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army and groups like the Jaycees if they're going to get anything at all.

But let's face it. Americans own 236 million dogs, cats and birds for one good reason — they're better than kids in almost every area except that kids don't go doo-doo on the carpet as often.

Don't get me wrong. I love my little grandson Teddy to death, but nobody — and I mean nobody — can take the place of my English bullterriers Dodger and Blossom.

If anybody is in the cat-bird seat in the Anger household, those two are it, paws down. That's why I'll spend about $250 apiece this Christmas on gifts for Dodger and Blossom and only about $150 on the rest of the family combined.

DODGER, a Spuds Mackay look-alike, can't wait for Santa to come!

My dogs will also have one of those little plastic Christmas trees all their own, decorated with candy canes and steak-flavored dog biscuits.

Now personally, I hate cats just as much as my dogs do. But somebody out there likes 'em because 45 percent of kitty owners will shower their pets with presents this Christmas.

And millions of birdbrain bird owners plan on making this a Merry Christmas for their stupid parakeets and cockatoos, too. But getting back to my dogs, would you believe they're even going to have a part in our church nativity pageant this year? Dodger is going to be dressed up as one of the Wise Men's camels and Blossom is going to wear a tutu suit and all by the Baby Jesus. I tell you, friends, I really get the holiday spirit when my dogs wake me up at the crack of dawn on Christmas morning to see what Santa brought them.

Dodger even loves to hear the Chipmunks singing *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer* and will listen to it over and over again for hours. And for the very first time, I'm going to take both dogs to sit on Santa's knee at our local shopping mall this year.

Hey, I know I'm going to take a lot of flak about pampering my pets this way, but nothing is too good for them — and that includes the merriest Christmas a dog ever had, by jiminey.

Ed Anger

Ed Anger's Pet Christmas Poll

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Q. Will being the independent type cost you friends?

A. Not according to studies at State University of New York. They indicate that the nonconformist who rocks the boat now and then is seen as more sincere, trustworthy and likable.

Q. Can you turn people off by describing yourself in glowing terms?

A. No, not according to tests at the University of Alabama.

Researchers tested more than 100 people of both sexes and found that you can make a very good impression by describing yourself as "sincere, warm, optimistic and confident."

Q. Can you hit it off with someone even if your personalities are different?

A. Yes. Studies indicate that it's your attitude — your likes and dislikes — rather than your character that determines whether someone will like you.

Q. Can you capture someone's interest by gazing at him with an expressionless face?

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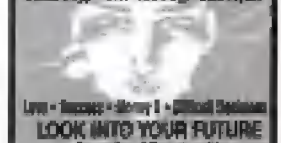

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The world's first Christmas card was considered offensive!

By ROBERT SHAW / Weekly World News

The first commercially produced Christmas card hit the market in 1843. But it not only wasn't a smash overnight success — it was the target of considerable verbal abuse.

A London merchant, Sir Henry Cole, came up with the idea to have a card printed so he wouldn't have to write out Christmas greetings to friends, which was the custom at the time.

"It would save me a great deal of time, and I believe the recipients would be surprised and delighted," Sir Henry told the artist he hired, John Horsley.

Within a week, Horsley came up with a design Sir Henry liked.

On the card, intricate vine-wrapped boughs formed side-by-side frames for three Christmas scenes. The center section depicted three generations of a family celebrating the holiday with glasses in hand.

Each card was individually hand-colored.

Sir Henry mailed about 300 cards to friends, and put another 300 up for sale at a shop he owned.

Critics said it showed people drinking booze — & few sold!

GREETED with disaster: This 1843 Christmas card was blasted by critics because it portrayed people drinking.

But followers of the anti-liquor movement were offended by the drinking scene.

They denounced the card as "deliberately conceived to foster and promote the consumption of alcohol during the holiday season." Sir Henry sold a mere handful of the cards.

In 1848, a London entrepreneur named W.M. Egley tried marketing a second Christmas card similar in design to Sir Henry's. But, it too, failed to sell.

Then during the 1860s color reproductions of holiday paintings were reproduced on cards and caught on.

A post office grinch once tried to have the mailing of Christmas greetings banned by the U.S. government.

Long before printed cards became available, the exchange of hand-written good wishes at Christmastime was so popular in America that the post office had to hire extra workers each year to handle the increased volume of mail.

Around 1832 the superintendent of mail in Washington, D.C., formally complained to Congress about the holiday workload. He asked for a law halting the exchange of Christmas greetings by mail.

Fortunately, his request was denied.

After Christmas cards began to gain favor in America they were printed with all sorts of scenes, including stagecoaches and even a nude woman. Perhaps the most unusual Christmas card ever — depicting a dead robin — became popular around 1880.

Scholars believe the morbid motif probably sprang from the medieval tradition of slaying a robin or wren during the holidays.

Whatever the source, Christmas cards with dead robins on them remained big sellers throughout the 1880s.

BIG CHRISTMAS SPENDERS are really depressed, says expert!

By ROSE SHERMAN / Weekly World News

Some of the biggest spenders at Christmastime aren't folks who are carried away by joyous Yuletide spirits, an expert says — they're people who are depressed.

For these people, buying gifts is a mood brightener, according to marketing expert Dr. Jack Gifford.

people get depressed and they find relief in buying gifts for others.

"It's not uncommon for us to go out and buy items we don't want or need. Just to pick

keeps shoppers flat broke all year — because of buying habits that make even happy folks spend wildly for the holidays.

Dr. Gifford, who bases his

Christmas season prompts otherwise normal people to blow their cool and buy, buy, buy hoping to make others happy or cheer themselves up.

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Family claims 500-lb. space alien raided their refrigerator!

ILLUSTRATION of creature is based on descriptions by victims Horst Rottwenter, his wife Lisa and son Walter.

By BEATRICE DEXTER/*Weekly World News*

COLOGNE, Germany — A schoolteacher and his family ignited a media frenzy here when they revealed they had an encounter of the third kind — with an extremely fat space alien.

Horst Rottwenter, 52, his wife Lisa, 49, and son Walter, 19, swear they were accosted by the obese E.T. while spending a week in a country cabin near Cologne. The fat alien — who weighed an estimated 500 pounds and stood about 4 feet tall — materialized in the family's kitchen and demanded fried foods and pastries.

"It was this squishy silver-colored thing with tentacles and a slimy mouth hole," Rottwenter told a national TV news reporter. "It tore open our cupboards and stuffed itself on crackers and cookies and cereal. Then it ransacked the refrigerator.

"When it found our plum cake and the schnitzel it went wild, making loud smacking noises and whimpering. When it ran out it threw a fit until we gave it more. It was waving its tentacles all around and jumping up and down. We were scared to death."

The Rottwenters say their bizarre encounter began late on the night of June 28, when they were awakened by a loud noise in the kitchen. They rushed to investigate — and were stunned to see a unearthly rotund blob standing amid a pile of broken dishes.

The alien appeared to be unaware of their presence and went on searching the cupboards as they watched.

"We screamed in fear, but the creature didn't pay any attention," Rottwenter said. "It was single-minded. All it wanted to do was eat.

"When my wife called the police, they thought she was a prankster and never even sent anyone to investigate.

"Meanwhile, we were trapped with this freakish fat thing, totally at its mercy. My wife had to fry up more schnitzel and bake pastries like crazy to keep the creature satisfied."

Fortunately for the Rottwenters, their ordeal was relatively short-lived. The family say that after four hours or so of pigging out, the space alien let out a mighty belch and waddled out the back door.

In the yard there was a spherical spacecraft about 25 feet in diameter, made of a gleaming metallic substance.

The wide-bodied blob climbed ponderously into the spaceship and blasted off, leaving the stunned Rottwenters to convince authorities of their sci-fi encounter.

"For a long time nobody believed our story," Rottwenter said. "But the thing left sucker marks where it had crossed the backyard and they figured whatever made them weighed at least 500 pounds.

"Now we've got defense experts and people from the space agency investigating every aspect of the incident. They say they've seen lots of space alien encounters — but

Peanut catching champ chokes to death on 14-foot-high toss!

DETROIT, Mich. — The 1996 National Peanut Catching Competition ended tragically when the defending champion tossed a peanut 14 feet into the air, caught it in his mouth — and choked to death on it in front of 237 stunned fans!

By KEVIN CREED
Weekly World News

Hometown hero Gene Herish, 26, died when the peanut lodged in his throat, doctors said.

"We thought he was just clowning around," said one witness. "By the time we realized he was choking it was too late."

Michigan legislators are now considering cancelation of the annual contest, which draws competitors from all over America to the rowdy bar on Detroit's east side where it began eight years ago.

DEAD at 26, former peanut catching champ **Gene Herish.**

Prior to the tragedy, the contest was a popular opportunity for macho guys to get together and let off steam. It began as an outgrowth of the silly game every barfly plays sooner or later: Tossing a peanut up and trying to get it into the mouth. Judges rate participants based on the estimated height of their tosses, the number of "completions," and efficiency of body movement on the catch — the less a player has to move his head, the higher the score.

"We're all just sick about this," said an NPCC spokesman. "But we're urging the state not to shut the contest down. No one's ever died before and it's doubtful that anyone ever will again. Please don't over-react to this."

hadn't died this way I believe the competition is destructive. It's just a lame excuse for a lot of foolish men to get together and abuse alcohol.

"I loved my husband very much. But he squandered far too many hours in those bars playing that stupid game — hours that should have been spent with me and the kids.

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My idiotic Siamese twin is dying to get a sex change!

FRED, left, and Ted in Los Angeles.

Dear Dotti: My 33-year-old brother and I are Siamese twins. We are connected at the waist, but doctors can't separate us because we share a liver. But there does seem to be one operation they can perform — and that's surgery to change Fred's sex!

I'm not kidding, Dotti. Fred is convinced that he is a woman trapped in a man's body and he's obsessed with changing his sex. Needless to say, if he undergoes hormone therapy we're BOTH going to sprout breasts. I've tried to discuss this with Fred but he's not speaking to me. Help me before it's too late! — Ted in Los Angeles

Dear Ted: If Fred is a woman trapped in a man's body, what the hell are you? The bottom line? Tell this twin of yours to get with the program — and leave "bad" enough alone!

Galpal's Doberman won't let me near her!

Dear Dotti: I started dating a very nice lady a few months ago and I really am in love with her. On a low note, Mary's got this big Doberman pinscher that's very protective of her, which means I can't get near enough to hold her hand when we're lounging around her apartment. I've seriously thought about asking Mary to marry me, Dotti, and I know she loves me as much as I love her. Unfortunately, she's really attached to that dog. And I know she wouldn't get rid of it — even for me. Can you help me out? — Concerned in Raleigh

Dear Concerned: I've got the perfect solution to your problem. Unfortunately, I'm doing my nails.

Dad says he'll give me $5 to walk on hot coals!

Dear Dotti: You are the only person who can help me. My dad has this sick thing for firewalking and he prances barefooted across a bed of hot coals to prove his manhood. I don't want to have any part of it, but he's constantly pushing me to join him and prove that I'm a man, too. He even promised to give me a measly $5 if I go through with it, but I don't need the money that bad. I'm only 10 years old, Dotti. And I'm afraid I'll hurt myself. What do you think I should do? — Eric in Kansas City

Dear Eric: Tell this sadist you call a dad that you'll be more than happy to walk on hot coals if he lets you wear fireman's boots and carry a garden hose. If the moron keeps nagging you to do it barefoot, pick up the phone — and call the cops!

I've got the hots for every man alive!

Dear Dotti: Ever since I was a freshman in college I've been crazy about men. I want to be with one all the time, but settling down is totally out of the question because I need constant change to keep my juices flowing and my passions running high. Is there something wrong with me? — Sandy in Seattle

Dear Sandy: Yes, there is something wrong with you. You're a nymphomaniac. Get help before you're the only person in your class who graduates with a Ph.D. in sex.

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Curious in Saratoga Springs: Let's put it this way: If somebody DOES make a size 16 French maid's costume, I don't want to know about it!

Dear Embarrassed Gal in Center: You should have thought about that before you "forgot" to wear undies to the preacher's Twister party!

Dear Remorseful in Johnson City: My advice to you is to bend WAY over — and kiss your butt goodbye!

Dear Terrified in Birmingham: Most people have nothing to fear but fear itself — but you're the exception!

Dear Hot Dude in Jacksonville: Why you'd rub jalapeno juice in a place like that is TOTALLY beyond me!

Dear Happy Lady in Whiteville: So how do you know it's a real diamond?

Dear Poopsie in Jackson Hole: Don't make me puke!

Dear Limping Dude in Merion: You should've known something like this would happen when you tried to squeeze into your wife's panty hose.

Naked neighbor gave my husband a heart attack!

DORIS in Salem.

Dear Dotti: As I write this letter, my husband of 41 years is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack — and it's all our neighbor's fault. She is a 23-year-old hussy who prances around her house naked, and when Paul caught a glimpse of her through his binoculars, he clutched his chest and keeled over. I called the police but they won't do anything about it. I think she should be arrested. If you were me, what would you do? — Doris in Salem

Dear Doris: Unless I wanted the peeper dead, I'd ditch those binoculars yesterday!

Gum-popping secretary is driving me insane!

Dear Dotti: I'm a 32-year-old executive who has the misfortune to spend "quality" time with every man on Earth before I die. Am I nuts, Dotti? — Meredith in Birmingham

Dear Meredith: Only if you're a man yourself!

Dear Dotti: I really do love my work. Unfortunately, one of the secretaries has a bad habit of stuffing her mouth with gum and popping it all day long. This is driving me up a wall, and I certainly can't do my best work when I'm annoyed. I've dropped all sorts of hints and this lady is oblivious. On one occasion, she actually offered me a stick of gum so I could chomp and pop along with her! Help me put a stop to this before I lose my cool — and my job! — Tom in Atlanta

TOM in Atlanta.

Dear Tom: Start spreading lies about this gum-popping pinhead and sooner or later, something terrible will "stick." She'll get the ax and you'll have peace of mind knowing that your job is secure — and she's out on the street!

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World's de victims int and kills t

By MARIA VERGENA and RANDY JEFFRIES / Weekly World News

AREQUIPA, Peru — The dreaded "Mummy Virus" — the most painful and deadly sickness in history has resurfaced — infecting hundreds of Peruvian natives a day!

The "hot-zone" malady made its ghastly appearance last year, taking the lives of 61 health care workers and countless natives.

But by January 1996, researchers in this area of the Andes were breathing a sigh of relief after closing off three infected villages to ensure the virus didn't spread. They believed the horror had died with the last pain-ravaged victim.

The source of it — a 500-year-old Inca mummy — was disinfected and all seemed well.

Last week they discovered, to their horror, that the nightmare syndrome has begun to show up again. And experts familiar with its symptoms are not hiding their terror.

"It's like a three-day AIDS virus that wipes out the immune system, triggers vile diseases overnight and causes a torturous death," said Dr. Miguel Paranuete, the heroic virologist who was called in to help curb the infection back in January.

"It rots internal organs and completely wipes out the body's red blood cells. Victims suffer massive bleeding from the ears. Their hair turns white overnight and they age 50 years in just one day.

"Their limbs separate from their bodies. Body weight plummets and diseases like cancer appear in a matter of hours and rapidly take over the entire body. It's virulent beyond belief."

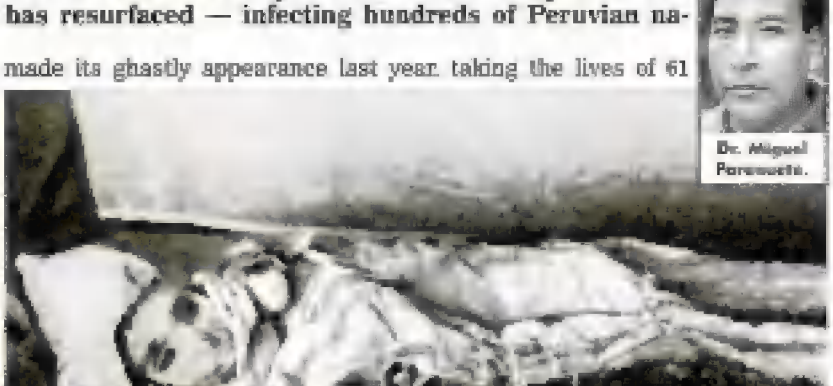
Dr. Paranuete and other experts on the virus trace it's origin in this century to the discovery of the mummy known as the Ice woman, an ancient Inca sacrifice victim found frozen high on the icy slopes of Mt. Ampato.

Three scientists working on the remains of the Ice woman caught the illness last year, presumably through contact with the mummy.

Dr. Paranuete, has once again been summoned to the area to try to put the lid on the new outbreak. He explained: "This virus must have existed among the Incas 500 years ago, but they were probably immune to it — modern man is not.

"This resurgence of the mummy virus is of even more concern to me than the first outbreak. It means that the malady — already highly contagious — has become al

Dr. Miguel Paranuete.



BURIAL IN ICE FOR 500 YEARS did nothing to weaken this mummy's deadly hot-zone virus.

'I prayed for my friend to die as I watc

HORRIFIED: Manuela Odria

AREQUIPA, Peru — Last December, nurse Manuela Odria stood by helplessly as her best friend and co-worker Maria Ortonez died of the mummy virus. Both nurses had been working at a clinic here when the first severely ill victims arrived. Manuela was busy so Maria took care of them. The next day, Maria began feeling sick.

Here, in her own words, is what Manuela saw happen to her lifelong friend as the horrifying illness progressed:

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"Within a day after her exposure to the virus victims, Maria began feeling weak ning to leave work at 2 p.m., but she fainted — and immediately we knew she had the virus. We put her in an isolation room.

TUESDAY, 7 p.m.: No one goes near Maria without gowns and masks. She has swellings in the abdomen and shoulder joints, signs of breathing because she has no red blood cells to carry oxygen. She frequently screams with pain.

10 p.m.: We've given her three transfusions. Maria is now either raving with fever or nearly comatose. She has started to hemorrhage from the ears and nose. More swellings have appeared and she has developed infections.

WEDNESDAY, 1 a.m.: Maria's hair is turning white and she's losing body fluids so fast her weight is falling. She's on-

woman. A bleeding wound ha appeared on her shoulder.

7 a.m.: Maria called out i agony and when I went to se her she was gasping for ai Doctors say a new swelling i her neck is actually an ou of-control cancer that i growing so fast it's interfe ing with her breathing. She bleeding from every orifice.

11 a.m.: Doctors have de cided Maria's internal o gans are rotting inside he She is unconscious most the time now, which is mercy

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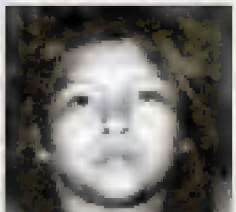
orme. This means we may not be able to control its spread. "It could conceivably reach the United States before summer of 1997, killing millions."

ICEWOMAN: Did the Inca mummy have the seeds of

ed her scream for hours!"

nd gasp for air.
4 p.m.: It's almost too horrible to describe. Maria's right arm is literally falling off her body! Where the swelling and open wound was, the arm is separating and turning black.
8 p.m.: Maria's body is shriveled. She's a ghastly yellowish-white and appears to be barely breathing. Doctors say she can't last much longer.



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Life on Earth really was saved by Noah's Ark, says famed scientist

BERLIN, Germany — Forget about the egg-head historians who always say Bible stories — especially the spectacular ones like Noah's Ark and the Great Flood — aren't really true.

Now there's the percent undeniable proof the Great Flood actually happened!

And experts say they now know the flooding was bad enough to wipe out every man, woman and beast that wasn't lucky enough to crowd onto the Ark.

That's right, archaeologists have come up with evidence that around the year 3500 B.C. there were world-wide, catastrophic floods. The first proof was found in the area of ancient Mesopotamia and now identical evidence has been uncovered in dozens of areas all around the world.

The proof was buried deep underground: A 10-foot layer of dark soil filled with decayed organic material. That was enough to convince even the most hardened anti-Bible experts that there really was a killer flood that covered the world thousands of years ago.

"Many of the so-called experts in the scientific society Otto Wisburg. "I, too, have been guilty of that.

"But the Earth's crust doesn't lie. In fact, it serves as a perfect historical record," he said.

"When faced with facts like these a person would be foolish to ignore the truth. There was a Great Flood that destroyed nearly all life on Earth," he said. "The only living beings that could have survived must have had some vehicle of escape — such as Noah's Ark, just as the Bible said.

"For some of us former doubters in the scientific community, this is very humbling."

SCIENTIST Otto Wisburg

MAN USES EELS TO KILL HIS WIFE!

SAO PAULO, Brazil — In one of the most bizarre murder cases in South America's history, angry fisherman Raoul Gaspare fried his wife by dumping 17 electric eels in her bath water!

The Christmas cards you send reveal your true personality!

By MICHAEL TODD / Weekly World News

The type of Christmas card you buy reveals your true personality, an expert says.

Psychologist Dr. Elinor Kinarthy tells what each type of card reveals about you:

RELIGIOUS SCENES: You spend lots of time deep in thought and you value the true meaning of Christmas. You like to help others and often donate time and money to charity. You also value the traditional family in which the wife stays home while the husband goes to work.

FAMILY PHOTOS: You're a busy person who likes new and different experiences, like living in different places, eating at new restaurants and tasting different foods. But Christmas gives you time to pause and reflect on how much your family and friends mean to you.

HOME SCENES: You have a very deep appreciation for home and family, but surprisingly, you're likely to be a person who spends a lot of time on activities away from home.

You're a real go-getter and an eager beaver. You're so busy with activities that you're not at home as much as you like.

HUMOROUS: You're a fun-loving optimist who can see the humor in even bad situations. But you also are very sensitive to other people. You're a good listener who gives friends a shoulder to cry on. In addition, you love animals and are inclined to have pets.

WINTER SCENES: You are very competitive and throw yourself into everything, even your hobbies. But you enjoy pictures of winter because they remind you that it's also important to relax and enjoy the tranquility of the season.

SANTA CARDS: You're a people-oriented person who likes going to big parties and enjoys making new friends. You consider all those tasty Christmas foods the best part of the season, and like Santa, you have a tendency to put on a little weight.

CHRISTMAS TREES: You take pride in your personal appearance and your home. You have an artistic nature and are very creative.

Your strong sense of beauty shows through in your home, which probably looks like it was done by a professional decorator.

CURRENT THEMES such as Santa compiling his list on a computer: You are very future-oriented and want to be ready for what tomorrow brings. You like video games, new car shows and all the latest gadgets. You may also be well-informed about investments.

CHRISTMAS TREE cards, like the one shown above, reveal your strong sense of beauty.

COMPETITIVE folks love to send our cards illustrated with winter scenes.

How to have a stress-free holiday season

It's easy to get snowed under — and stressed out — by all the tasks of Christmas, but you can enjoy a simpler, happier holiday with these tips from an expert.

By ALICIA FRANK
Weekly World News

● Relax your standards in running your household. "Your house doesn't have to be immaculate," says family expert Dr. Jeanne Brown.

"It's hard enough to keep the house looking good when the children aren't home all day.

"Don't stress yourself out by trying to make it look even better than usual over the holidays."

● Remember that family get-togethers are times to enjoy one another's company — and not necessarily to serve a fantastic meal. "Just popping popcorn and renting some Christmas movies can make for a wonderful family evening," says Dr. Brown.

● Trim your Christmas card list to the people who send cards to you.

Sending cards to people who don't send cards to you is a waste of time and money, and the list can grow to unmanageable proportions.

● Don't feel obligated to accept every invitation you get.

Trying to attend every party you're invited to during the next can be exhausting. Don't feel obligated to accept every invitation you get.

● Enlist the help of the kids. They can wrap presents or decorate the tree. And helping out will be fun for them, too.

● Make a budget for Christmas presents and stick to it. Don't add money stress to the holidays.

● If you travel during the holidays, take a day to rest and relax when you get home.

Jumping right back into the holidays undermines enjoyment. Let yourself make the holidays simple.

HEART HAMBURG, Germany — Retiree Dieter

BUYING BATTERIES FOR KIDS' TOYS? READ THIS!

ATHENS, Greece — A man suffered third-degree burns when heat from a battery rubbing against the car keys in his pocket caught his pants on fire.

"He went to buy new

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HOUSE PARTY host Art Linkletter interviews little Roberto Calligaris in 1962.

From Art Linkletter's personal files

Kids write the darndest letters to Santa!

By LOU TINE / Weekly World News

Kids write the darndest Christmas letters, says veteran entertainer Art Linkletter — and here are his personal favorites:

One little girl wrote Santa to say she wanted a baby brother for Christmas, but her mother had already told her there wasn't enough time. "So I said to my mommy," the little girl explained to Santa, "why don't they just do like they do down at Daddy's factory when they want something in a hurry? They just put more men on the job."

Linkletter says, "Another youngster wrote, 'Santa, I've been half bad and half good so I'd be happy if I got half of what I'm asking for.' "

A 5-year-old girl said she wanted Santa to bring a bottle of whatever type of hair tonic he uses, "because my daddy's head is beginning to come up through his hair." Another girl said she didn't want anything for herself but she would be very happy if Santa could arrange a trip to the dentist for her older sister because, "she has loose morals."

A boy in the third grade asked for "a pair of eyeglasses with open eyeballs painted on them so I could sit in class and sleep but the teacher would think I was paying attention."

A small book lover requested a copy of his favorite sea story.

He wrote, "It's about a sea captain who is mad at a whale book so he gets the name. Moby Dick."

And a little girl told Linkletter she was asking Santa for a book that would explain if Robin Hood and Little Red Riding Hood were "relationed."

Then there was the girl who wrote Santa, "Two years ago, I asked for a baby sister and got that. So if it's all right with Mommy and Daddy, I would like them to have a pony this Christmas."

One young fellow was very indignant because he hadn't gotten what he wanted last year. He wrote, "I asked for a pet and you brought me a

Raw bacon cures maggot skin!

People suffering from a little known but horrible condition in which maggots hatch under the skin are now being healed — by raw bacon!

That's right. Doctors at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital say applying bacon to the skin draws the insect larvae from the body because the

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Arctic scientific team brings back shocking proof . . .

'WE FOUND SANTA!'

By BILL CARMEL / *Weekly World News*

British and American scientists watched in shock and disbelief as the real-life Santa Claus they found and photographed at the North Pole glowed bright white — and vanished into thin air!

"I saw it with my own two eyes and I still don't believe it," Dr. Richard Falk, whose scholarly books and zoological studies of Arctic lifeforms are considered standards in the field, told reporters in Racine, Wis.

"People say he doesn't exist — but there he was for anyone to see," he continued. "Don't ask me to explain it. Whatever we found up there defies logic.

"It's the strangest thing I've ever seen."

The mind-boggling drama reportedly unfolded on the morning of December 2. Dr. Falk said that he and a British colleague, biologist Marcus Smythe, were investigating the impact of pollution on Arctic life.

They were less than six miles from the North Pole when Smythe saw gray smoke rising from a tiny log cabin.

"We thought we were hallucinating," explained Dr. Falk. "The North Pole can be an awfully forbidding place, and to think that someone had built a cabin up there just didn't make sense.

"Explorers will set up camp, of course, but they certainly don't build their shelters out of logs and glass. As we got closer we could see a light through the window.

"We decided to take a look."

Smythe said that he and Dr. Falk approached the cabin and "were literally stunned" by what they found.

Peering through the panes of a window, they saw what Smythe described as an "obese, white-haired man and an elderly, white-haired woman" relaxing in chairs beside a pot-bellied stove.

"It might sound odd, but our hearts were racing," Smythe continued.

"We looked at each other for a moment but neither one of us knew what to say.

"Just then, the old man opened the door and invited us in."

Dr. Falk said he and Smythe accepted the invitation. Once inside, Smythe took a camera out of his backpack and asked the old man if he could take a picture.

"He was silent for a few seconds, which seemed like an eternity to me," said Smythe. "Then he said, 'All right.' When he sat back down I took the picture.

"Richard asked the old couple who they were and how they got to the North Pole. As God is my witness, they started to glow, first blue, then white. The whole cabin was glowing. Then everything vanished around us as if it had never even been there.

"Suddenly, Richard and I were photographed, had just disappeared."

Dr. Falk and Smythe decided to cut their trip short. The single photograph they took of the old couple has since been analyzed by experts who say it has not been altered or retouched in any way.

"We are preparing a full report that we hope to publish next spring," said Dr. Falk.

"We want the whole world to hear about our experience —

'People say he doesn't exist — but there he was for anyone

TRADITIONAL SCENE: Mr. and Mrs. Claus at home.

MEN OF SCIENCE: Dr. Richard Falk, left, and Marcus Smythe found Santa's cabin in the Arctic wasteland.

GLOWING Santa Claus

WHEN I TOLD MY HUBBY: 'IT'S ME OR THE PIG . . . '

WEARY Edna Denholm was fed up with the porker.

He picked the PIG!

THE CHOICE WAS EASY, says pig-loving Albie Denholm, who moved out with his oinker when his wife issued an ultimatum.

Stubborn hubby Albie Denholm didn't bat an eye when his weary wife ordered him to choose between her and his pet pig Iggy. The flabbergasted factory hand just picked up Iggy and hit the road.

By JOE BERGER
Weekly World News

"I never dreamed Edna'd ever give me an ultimatum like that and it really torqued me off," said obstinate Albie, 35.

"She knows I love my pig and it wasn't right to pin me down and make me choose who I loved the most. She did, though — and it turned out the decision wasn't really that tough after all."

But fed-up Edna insists she had no choice — that her devil-may-care mate and his grunting buddy were driving her to drink.

"The damn animal would go outside and wallow around in the mud all day, and the minute Albie got home from work he'd want to play with it instead of me," the miffed missus told reporters at their home outside Gary, Ind.

"So I'd work all day getting the house looking presentable, and 30 seconds after Albie got there, Iggy would be up in the middle of the couch, turning it into his own private pigsty.

"The only time that critter ever got a bath was when Albie'd settle down for a soak and take Iggy right into the tub with him. And it got so I never, ever kissed my husband anymore — because his face was always muddy from kissing his pig."

The love affair between Albie and his oinker began 18 months ago when unsuspecting Edna, 34, bought the sweetheart of a swine for her husband's birthday.

"Iggy was just a cute little piglet back then and the whole family was just wild about him," the mortified mom recalled. "He followed us around like a little puppy dog, begging to be petted.

"But overnight he got big as a horse and started eating up the furniture and eating up the carpet and causing holy hell."

Desperate Edna tried to banish the potbellied porker to a pen out back, but her hog-crazy hubby put his foot down.

"I let her keep him outside someday," said easygoing Albie. "But when I was there, I wanted him in the house so we could watch TV together and stuff.

"I could see Edna getting more and more upset as time went on, especially when I let Iggy sleep with us on cold nights." Finally, the frustrated lady told Albie that either the pig was history or she was.

"I told her in that case, Iggy and I'd be on our way," said the shedaddling dad. "Now me and the pig got our own little place across town."

And sad-eyed Edna's left shaking her head in despair.

"I guess I just never dreamed he'd choose the pig over me," she said with a sigh.

Vat's all, folks!

FLORENCE, Italy — Dead drunk is the best way to describe Armando Arenas, 18, who fell into a vat of

Will Satan try to ruin this Christmas?

Dear Serena: Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I guess most people feel that way, there's always so much joy and good feeling going around. But this year I'm afraid Satan is going to ruin Christmas for everybody.

I think you know what I'm talking about. Satan hates everything in the world that is good — and he especially hates the Christmas season. I belong to a national organization that is devoted to fighting evil forces and the president of our local chapter says this will undoubtedly be the worst Christmas ever, mostly because Satan has gained the upper hand on us. Please Serena, tell me that it's not true. If it is, would you please cast a spell to do something to save Christmas for us? — Frightened in Asheville

Dear Frightened: Please don't worry — once again the joyful spirit of the season will conquer over Satan and all the demonic forces that want to destroy Christmas for the good people of the world. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year and all the evil forces in the world are not strong enough to destroy it.

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Dear Serena: Will I get a motorcycle for Christmas? I have a good reason for asking: I have a chance to buy one now at a really good price but I have a suspicion my wife has already bought me one. I don't want to ruin her surprise but I also don't want to miss out on this opportunity and then end up without a bike at all. Please help me out. — Unsure in Hawkinsville

Dear Unsure: The down payment she has put on a motorcycle is more than the entire price of the bike you are thinking about buying. Go ahead and buy your bike now — your wife actually will be tremendously relieved.

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Dear Serena: If I give my girlfriend an engagement ring for Christmas, what will she do? Will she accept it and agree to marry me — or will she laugh in my face and tell me to get lost? We've been dating only three months. — Anxious Lover in Morgan City

Dear Anxious: She'll be very happy to marry you. But please, I want you to take a close look at your girlfriend before you decide to spend the rest of your life with her. My crystal ball tells me you might not be as happy with this woman three years from now. Carefully consider this big decision.

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Nudist in Vero Beach: **Yes, your neighbor was videotaping you when you were frolicking in your backyard last week.**

Doctor-to-be in Wiggins: **It's good for a third-grade student to set his sights so high, but don't be disappointed if you end up with a career in sanitation.**

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Abraham Lincoln's last Christmas gift

On Christmas Day, 1864, attractively attired Laura Jones made a desperate call on the President of the United States. She absolutely had to get in to see Abraham Lincoln.

A holiday peacefulness had settled over the White House, even though America was still caught up in the throes of the Civil War.

Lincoln had just finished signing a stack of papers. He laid down his pen and sighed.

"What is there left to sign, Mr. Secretary?" Lincoln asked Gideon Welles. "Are we finally through for the day?"

"Mr. President, there is this one special request from a 23-year-old woman who has been trapped in Washington since the war began," Welles responded.

"She desires to have a pass to travel to Richmond in order to have a Christmas wedding to her sweetheart, Jamie Joe Ballinger — a Confederate soldier."

There was a long pause. Then, according to Lincoln's butler, Billy Slade, the President had him go and tell the woman to come in.

Lincoln spoke briefly with the forlorn Laura Jones and her sincerity seemed to make a deep impression on the President.

After silently listening to Laura's story, Lincoln gently nodded his head, and with a few strokes of his pen, proceeded to write some words on a card.

PRESIDENT Lincoln's generous gift helped a young couple wed.

He handed the travel pass to Miss Jones and wished her a Merry Christmas. Laura Jones could not speak.

Her eyes brimmed with tears of happiness. She was so grateful she fell to her knees before the President.

"Get up," said Lincoln in a soft fatherly tone of voice. "Do not kneel to me, but thank God and go."

"Goodbye, Mr. Lincoln," she said. "I shall probably never again see you until we meet in Heaven."

President Lincoln was deeply moved. "I am afraid with all my troubles I shall never get to the resting place you speak of, but if I do, I am sure I shall find you. That you wish me to get there is, I believe, the best wish you could possibly make for me. Goodbye, Miss Jones."

Helping Miss Jones, a young woman in love with an enemy soldier, was one of the nicest Christmas presents Lincoln ever gave. And it was his last. Less than four

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OSLO, Norway — Dizzy dingbat Sven Sorenson doesn't know whether he's coming or going after running around in circles for 14 hours to win a bet.

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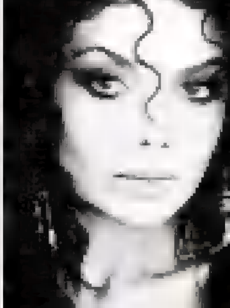

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"THE wind came suddenly . . . and swept Kenji right off the ground like a leaf," says a stunned eyewitness.

Photographer's camera snaps his picture as 200 m.p.h. wind carries him to his death!

KYUSHU, Japan — A freelance cameraman was photographed as he was snatched up by a freak gust of wind and carried more than a mile to his death — and the horrifying photo was made by his own camera!

By SCOTTY PAUL
Weekly World News

As a rogue wind, clocked at more than 200 m.p.h., roared across the island of Tora Jima, quick-thinking Kenji Ozawa triggered the remote control on a camera he had set up to photograph an event at a Japanese track and field competition.

The photo — said to be a certain Pulitzer Prize winner — was the last one the 24-year-old journalist would ever make!

Kenji was one of three people snatched from the ground by the typhoon-force wind and carried to their deaths more than a mile away.

"It is almost certain that he knew his camera was recording his own death," declared Hitoshi Hara, a Tokyo newspaper photographer who often traveled with Kenji to help him cut his expenses.

"Kenji was always trying for the unusual, offbeat photo and he used cameras that he could set up at various locations and then trigger by radio control. He was becoming famous for the pictures he made this way. Kenji had just set up his first camera near a place where the high jumps would be held. The camera was just inches above the ground for the low-angle shots he wanted. Then we heard the wind."

Hara said four athletes were setting up mattresses for the high jump when the freak wind swept across the training field. Kenji was standing only a few feet away.

"The wind came suddenly," Hara said. "I yelled at Kenji to get down on the ground. Instead, he grabbed a camera and started taking pictures. When the wind hit, it swept him right off the ground like a leaf. Two of the four athletes were tumbled across the ground for about 50 feet. Then they were lifted into the air and carried away.

"The other two athletes were blown into a ditch and that saved their lives."

Police reports said the shattered bodies of Kenji and the two athletes were found crumpled in a rock quarry where the rogue wind had dumped them more than a mile from the training camp.

"I had gathered up Kenji's equipment to take to his family," Hara said. "That's when I noticed that the film in his remote camera had been exposed.

"I got very excited because I knew then that Kenji must have triggered the remote camera as he was being snatched off the ground. When I got back to Tokyo, I developed the film. What I saw made me cry.

"Kenji loved to take good photographs. Even when he knew his life was in great peril, he made sure his

Scientists find million-year-old chess set

Archaeologists digging for ancient artifacts have discovered the remnants of a chess set — and they claim the board and pieces are over a million years old!

They made the startling find in a cave near Bang-

from one million B.C. and can only be a very primitive form of the game we now call chess.

"This forces us to alter everything we formerly believed about the game," says chess historian Nils Lund in Stockholm, Sweden. "Most experts believed chess

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How to tell if an evil spirit is taking over your body

By LISA MERAKIS / Weekly World News

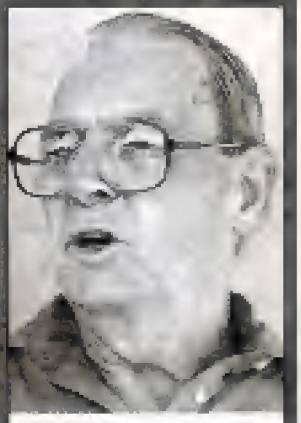
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — You can prevent an evil spirit from taking over your body, a top religious expert says — by learning how to recognize the first signs of demonic possession so you can head it off before it gains control!

The Rev. Marvin Masson, author of the best-selling book *Alert to Evil*, says most victims of demonic possession could have protected themselves if they'd known what to do.

"It's just such a tragedy — all these people wandering around with evil spirits controlling their bodies and eating away at their souls," said Rev. Masson. "They could have spotted the danger at the very outset if they'd only known what to look for. Instead, they were totally vulnerable to this monstrous evil."

The 67-year-old minister has spent more than four decades studying accounts of demonic possession in various religious writings and delving into practices of the occult. He says his research has made it clear there are early warning signs of demonic possession — and ways to rid yourself of demons before they ruin your life.

Rev. Masson agreed to share his knowledge with *Weekly World News* readers.



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Top 5 signs of possession

Here are five sure signs that an evil spirit is taking over your body:

● Unexplained itchiness, especially of the arms and legs.

● Forgetfulness: This is a sign that a demon may have had control of your mind for a brief period.

● Unexplained fatigue: Your body may be trying to fight off a demon invasion.

● Insomnia: Subconsciously, you are probably aware that an evil spirit is attempting to take over your body and you are afraid to go to sleep.

● Irritability: Any negative deterioration in your personality, such as unusual irritability, jealousy or dirty thoughts

5 tips that will STOP evil spirits in their tracks!

There are things you can do to stop an evil spirit in its tracks — before it completes its demonic designs:

1. Go to church frequently. Evil spirits hate places of worship and will give up on anyone who spends a lot of time there.

2. Pray — especially if you notice signs of possession. Prayers obliterate evil during the moments they are spoken and could banish an evil spirit that is trying to enter your body.

3. Sleep with your head toward the north.

No one knows why, but evil spirits never attack people who sleep in this orientation.

4. Wear a crucifix or a necklace of garlic.

5. Spit frequently. This gets rid of evil spirits, which usually enter the body through the mouth.

Dressing as a crocodile is against the law

SYDNEY, Australia — It's against the law to attend a costume party dressed as a crocodile!

It's considered an insult to the

Food for thought

Sign in a Pier 39 curio shop: "San Francisco is like

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IS FULL OF BUGS — 30,000 OF THEM!

But they won't bother your holiday a bit!

By LOU MARTIN / Weekly World News

That beautiful Christmas tree you dragged in from the cold and set up in the living room has a lot more than lights and ornaments hanging from its limbs.

According to a leading expert, your tree is home to as many as 30,000 insects, including spiders, mites, caterpillars, ants — and just about any other bug you can think of!

"It's sounds incredible — but it's true," Dr. Canton Falk, the famed insect expert, told reporters in Dallas.

"The average Christmas tree has as many as 30,000 bugs clinging to its needles and limbs and to put it bluntly, they couldn't be happier than to get inside where it's nice and warm.

"There's not much you can do about it once the tree is in your house," he continued. "But if you haven't brought it in yet, I would strongly advise you to hose the tree down while it's still outside.

"There's a good chance you'll wash most of those bugs off."

Dr. Falk says the easiest pests to spot are bugs the tree picked up in transit or storage.

These include spiders, beetles, caterpillars, centipedes, ants and cockroaches.

But many of the insects who make homes in Christmas trees are not visible to the naked eye. You'd need a magnifying glass or a microscope to spot mites or scale insects that latched onto the tree before it was cut.

"Over the years we've been able to identify as many as 400 2,000 spruce, Scotch pine and fir trees, we found an average of 53 different species of insects on each one. The number of bugs varied from 2,500 to 30,200."

But Dr. Falk said even if the bugs make it into your house you shouldn't let them ruin your holidays.

"Insects are just a part of the chain of life," he said.

"We need to learn to co-exist with them and not treat them like our enemies."

BUG expert Dr. Canton Falk

CHRISTMAS trees are home to bugs such as spiders, cockroaches and caterpillars, like the creepy critters below.

Man spends year in prison — for eating while driving!

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In a bizarre case of justice gone wrong a man spent 12 months in prison — because he was eating an apple while driving a car!

Shanishma Aleem, 38, was charged with reckless driving after an overzealous cop saw him eating while driving.

Aleem was already on probation for a previous traffic offense so the judge sentenced him to a year in the slammer and suspended his driver's license for six years.

Elephant know-how gets man a job!

TOKYO, Japan — A rags-to-riches millionaire revealed in a newspaper interview that he'd still be poor today if he hadn't known the elephant is knowing that bit of trivia helped him beat out dozens of other applicants for an assistant zookeeper's job back in 1932.

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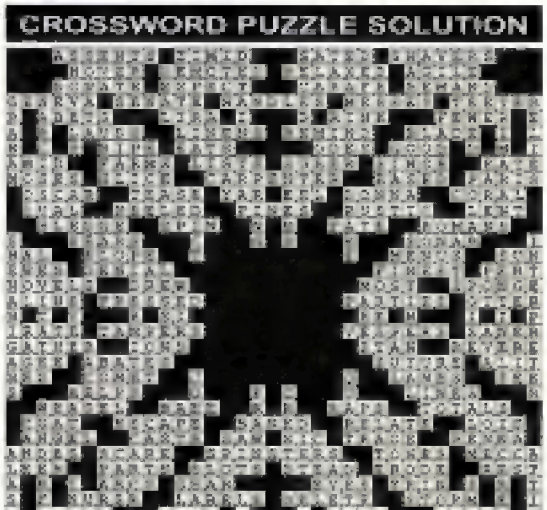


HOW TO PUT A CURSE ON YOUR ENEMIES AND RUIN THEIR LIVES

ANYONE can call upon the power of evil, symbolized by the Devil's skull, at right.

SORCERER and occult author Damien Mullaris.

Marilyn Monroe's ancestor was a U.S. President!

Few people know this, but Hollywood bombshell Marilyn Monroe

BOWLING FOR

BEIJING — Greedy government bigwigs have devised a daffy scheme to rake in millions of dollars a year by building a chain of bowling alleys — on top of the Great Wall of China!

Eager officials plan to construct 80 air-conditioned

1,500 miles across China's northern plain.

"This is an idea whose time has come," said excited Interi-

and Europe — visit the Great Wall every year and they'd all desire to go home and tell their friends they went bowling

hamburger, just like at home. American tourists would find it quite enjoyable — and they would pay greatly for the privilege."

By GREG TANNER/*Weekly World News*

LOS ANGELES — A controversial new book tells you how to put curses on your enemies and actually destroy their lives by harnessing the dark powers that reside deep within you!

All you have to do, says famed sorcerer and occult author Damien Mulkrin, is forget about the Golden Rule and resign yourself to the fact that vengeance, and plenty of it, is the only thing that will make you happy.

At that point, you can follow Mulkrin's simple 4-point plan for unleashing the evil powers that will give you the upper hand in your battle with any enemy, no matter how strong he might be, Mulkrin declares.

"Sorcerers, witches and warlocks aren't the only people who can cast spells and put curses on people. With a little training, anyone can do it — even you," said Mulkrin, whose frightening new book, *When Bad Things Happen to Bad People*, is slated for a Spring 1997 release.

"In fact, my 4-point plan is simple enough for a child to follow.

"I guarantee you won't find an easier or more effective way to deal with people who give you a hard time."

Mulkrin isn't exactly a household name but paranormal experts and occultists are all too familiar with the sorcerer and his work.

In those circles, he is regarded as evil incarnate — a man who has been accused of everything from cannibalism to human sacrifice. But even Mulkrin's worst critics admit that the sorcerer has a penetrating intelligence and vast knowledge of the black arts.

He also has a knack for simplifying ancient rituals, making them accessible to laymen who have no working knowledge of the occult.

"In ancient times sorcerers relied on elaborate rituals to punish their enemies, but in this day and age, with people having so many demands on their time, these rituals are obsolete," explained Mulkrin.

"By distilling the process, I have speeded things up. If you are of average intelligence, and put your mind to it, there is no reason you can't put a curse on someone in five minutes or less."

Here is Mulkrin's 4-point plan. WARNING: Dabbling in the occult can be dangerous or even deadly. Proceed at your own risk.

1. Rise from your bed at midnight. Sit cross-legged on the floor in a dark, empty room and whisper the words: "Evil, live, live, evil" over and over for one minute. In your mind's eye, picture the person you want to curse.

2. As the image of the person appears to you, visualize great harm coming to him. For example, you might watch with delight as a car runs over him or he falls down a flight of stairs.

3. Savor the victim's agony — but don't forget: The misfortune you visualize is the misfortune your victim will suffer in real life. If you visualize the victim losing an eye, the victim should lose an eye. If you visualize death, the victim should die. Carefully consider the consequences of your actions before you proceed.

4. As you continue to revel in the imaginary evil you have brought to your enemy, whisper: "Powers of darkness, make this so." Contemplate your actions for a minute or so and then, says Mulkrin, "your work is done."

"If you are sincere in your desire to punish an enemy, and have absolutely no reservations about bringing him harm, the curse will work," he said.

in 4 easy steps!

BRIDE'S NIGHTIE CATCHES ON FIRE!

. . . and other crazy honeymoon happenings!

While John S. Pearcy and his new bride were swept away by passion on a secluded beach in Mexico, all their clothes got swept away by the tide!

That's just one of the wacky stories told by people who entered Thrifty Car Rental's Honeymoon Disaster Contest.

Michael J. Gallen's hot night with his new wife was so sizzling that flames erupted, forcing them to run from their hotel room naked. The fire broke out because Gallen's bride had draped her nightie over a lamp to dim the light.

But the contest winners were David and Jamie Barber, whose troubles began before they even said "I do." During the ceremony, a septic line broke near the buffet table. Then on the first day of their honeymoon in San Francisco, the couple got caught in a riot of radical environmentalists.

David tried to put the bloom back on the honeymoon by buying Jamie eight dozen roses — which were promptly thrown out by the hotel maid. After that, the couple's video camera broke, they got into an accident, went over the limit on their credit card — and missed their flight home!

DOLLARS ON THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

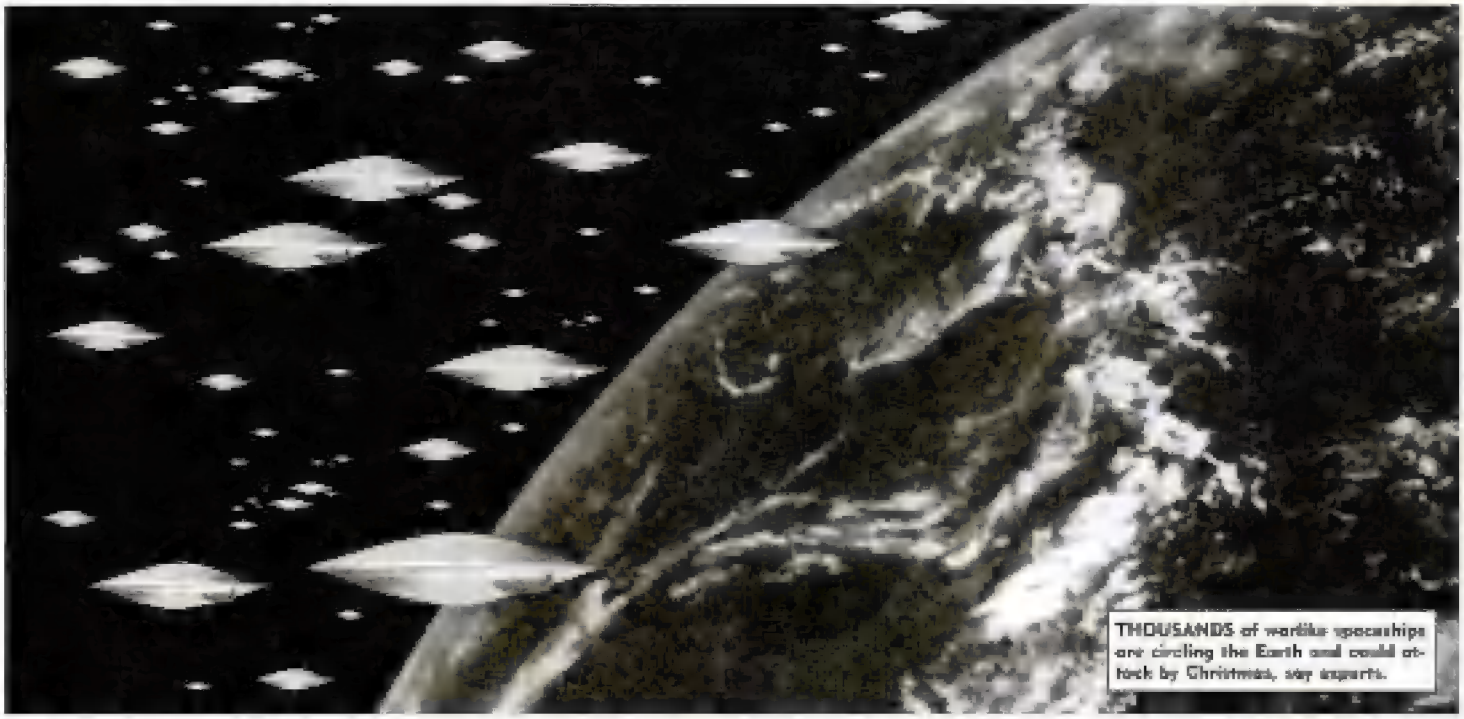
...ion to shore up the 30-foot-high wall in areas where it's crumbling and a whopping $196 million to build the alleys and the ...

...the pockets of foreigners, within six years," spokesman Hsieh told reporters. "From then on, the proceeds would go to pro...

...profits, many stunned citizens are quietly expressing outrage at the dingbat plan.

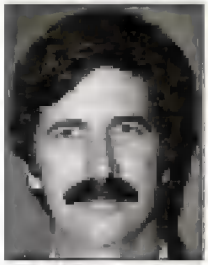
"The Great Wall of China is ... to earn money is an affront to all true Chinese," said ticked off teacher Shih Hung-tien.

"You don't see the Americans ...



THOUSANDS of warlike spaceships are circling the Earth and could attack by Christmas, say experts.

IS EARTH JUST MONTHS AWAY FROM EXTRATERRESTRIAL INVASION?



EX-NASA consultant Dr. Marvin Greib.

By RANDY JEFFRIES / *Weekly World News*

HOUSTON, Texas — An all-out attack on Earth by a fleet of space alien starships is imminent — possibly just months away!

That's the word from Dr. Marvin Greib, a former NASA consultant, who has leaked portions of a top-secret government report.

Whether you believe in UFOs or not, this is a story you shouldn't ignore!

"This confidential document contains transcripts of tapes made by crew members of the space shuttle *Discovery*," says Dr. Greib. "On the classified tapes — recorded after the shuttle's mission in mid-July — two crew members tell of seeing at least 100,000 'huge glowing spacecraft' flying in formation around Earth."

The physicist says he's left the space agency and come forward with the information because "the public must no longer be kept in the dark" on this matter.

"The astronauts said some of these warships were clocked in excess of 1,350 m.p.h.," says Dr. Greib. "Each UFO was the size of a cruise ship and equipped with five large-barrelled objects that appeared to be highly sophisticated gunnery.

"They're circling our planet with what U.S. military experts confirm is 'warlike intent.'

"NASA is afraid this news will cause worldwide panic but I can no longer, in good conscience, keep silent about it."

The respected scientist's report is consistent with the observations of military experts worldwide who have been warning of the hostile buildup for nearly 10 years.

Back in July 1988, *Weekly World News* and other world media reported that alien starships were circling Earth on a massive spy mission.

Lt. Kleber Marinho, a Brazilian Air Force pilot, witnessed a fleet of UFOs flying in formation over Rio de Janeiro.

Dozens of other sightings were reported worldwide. But now Dr. Greib and other experts who have heard the *Discovery* tapes feel certain the spy mission is nearly complete. Many believe the attack could come before Christmas.

"Judging from the sheer number of spacecraft in those skies and the military weaponry they're carrying, these aliens are almost

Man sneezes nonstop for seven months

MONCLOVA, Mexico — A man who has sneezed nonstop for seven months has filed suit against three jokesters who started it by throwing sneezing powder in his face.

Roberto Tamayo, 44, said he lost his job because of his

GIANT HOROSCOPE

By SERENA SABAK
PSYCHIC ASTROLOGER TO THE RICH AND FAMOUS

For the week of Mon., December 9 – Sun., December 15

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

$ YOUR LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS $

ARIES Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	2, 17, 23, 28, 31, 44
TAURUS Apr. 20 – May 20	5, 10, 20, 33, 37, 40
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CANCER June 21 – July 22	4, 12, 24, 30, 36, 42
LEO July 23 – Aug. 22	3, 15, 25, 33, 45, 46
VIRGO Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	2, 13, 30, 35, 37, 43
LIBRA Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	11, 20, 31, 35, 45, 46
SCORPIO Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	1, 18, 30, 34, 36, 41
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CAPRICORN Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	9, 16, 22, 30, 35, 42
AQUARIUS Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	6, 16, 20, 34, 40, 44

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You're in high gear this week and can finally tackle the money matter that has been bothering you.

Forms on papers that transform obstacles into stepping-stones.

You will be at the right place at the right time. Use diplomacy to get what you deserve.

A romantic relationship improves following discussions this week. New attitudes lead to greater happiness.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

This is your week to shine. You have won the cooperation and support of others concerning plans that matter to you.

Romance intensifies and a member of the opposite sex talks of the future.

You love freedom above all else and it is making you hesitate to enter into a relationship. But it's time you made a romantic tie.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Begin rebuilding your life on a more solid base. You'll find out where you're going and your self-confidence will skyrocket this week.

It may be difficult but try and learn to accept the gift of love.

A loved one may offer encouragement and advice concerning a financial dilemma.

Collect information you need to solve a financial puzzle.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

The pattern of your life is changing and all of your time and energy should be devoted this week to ensuring that you will eventually come out on top.

Don't burden yourself with anyone else's problems. You've got too much going for you to be downtrodden with the mistakes of others.

Maintain a sense of balance, fitness and humor.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

No one tries harder than you to make sure that everyone is taken care of and provided for. But this week make sure that all of your efforts and generosities are not taken for granted.

An attraction to a person of the opposite sex begins with a friendship but will become a caring, wonderful companionship. This person will be making plans for your future.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

This week is the beginning of a big change for you!

Take the bull by the horns and take that first positive step!

Be honest with yourself and others this week. You may have misled yourself about someone's romantic intentions. It's obvious to everyone but you that you're adored from afar.

Money has been tight for you lately but that will change soon.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A relationship grows stronger this week and you will no longer be able to say that your life is lonely.

This could be a time for major domestic adjustment which could include change of residence or marital status. It takes an enormous amount of courage and wisdom to get a family member off the financial hook this week, but you're the only one smart enough to help.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

You will be making a clean break from the past this week.

Others may try to lay down the law and force you to accept terms or conditions. They've overplayed their hands and you realize that it is your turn to dictate what should or shouldn't be done in the months ahead.

Be assured that everything will eventually fall into place.

You'll find a surprise.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Money problems can be resolved this week — you won't get exactly what you want but you'll be compensated nicely.

Spend time alone this week with a partner or associate and work out relationships of affection, trust and loyalty.

Intuition and instinct got you this far in life, and they will get you a lot farther, too, if you'll let them.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Love is in the air this week! A romantic connection brings you more happiness after an intimate talk.

Marital ties grow stronger.

Stress creativity and imprint your own style.

You'll encounter individuals who are practical and who mean business and can elevate your prestige.

Keep a close watch on financial matters during the next few days.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

If you play your cards right this week, domestic turmoil will be settled and you'll be happier, healthier and possibly wealthier.

Get better organized so that you're able to roll with the punches.

Putting your life in order will enable you to collect information you need to solve a financial problem.

A short trip to visit relatives may be on the agenda this week.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Things you have been planning for months can come together for you this week if you take advantage of your diplomatic talents.

Put emphasis on investments, payments, collections and finances. This is a bonanza week for money matters.

A romantic interlude adds spice to your life.

Let your hair down. Plan amusements with family and kids.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Mon., December 9 – Sun., December 15

A high cycle begins for you this week. Persistence pays off in matters of love. Romance comes along with a person who hates your fickleness. This will be [illegible] a year of emotional fulfillment. It will be [illegible] to put to stress independence and creativity. In matters of chance, [illegible] tick with your gut feelings — all the way.

NUDE SUNBATHER ATTACKED BY CRAZED SEA GULLS!

Smell of tanning oil drove birds nuts!

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

MIAMI — Nude sunbather Delia Hatcher found beachgoing was for the birds — when she was attacked by dozens of hungry sea gulls!

The sexy 22-year-old fled screaming from the airborne creatures — which were drawn by the aroma of her new tanning lotion.

"They kept nipping at my boobies with their little beaks," shuddered the college senior. "It was horrifying — like a scene from that movie *The Birds*."

Delia's bizarre brush with nature came on October 15, when she made an outing to clothing-optional Haulover Beach.

"I had never been to a nude beach before — usually I wear a thong bikini," revealed slim, shapely Delia. "But I finally decided to bare it all because I wanted to get rid of my tan lines."

'They kept nipping at my boobies with their little beaks!'

After choosing a secluded spot, she shucked down to her birthday suit and oiled herself from head to toe with Deep Seas Lotion.

"I had never used that brand before, but the label said it contained vitamin E, which is supposed to be good for your skin.

"What I didn't know was that the vitamin E came from real fish oil . . . and when the sea gulls got a whiff of that scent, it was like ringing a dinner bell!"

As Delia lay on her belly listening to her Walkman, she began to notice gulls settling on the sand around her towel.

"At first I didn't worry — I even cooed at them," she said.

"Then I felt a sharp pain in my leg as one of the birds pecked me. I kicked it away — and then another landed on my butt. Before I knew it, I was covered by a blanket of sea gulls!"

Shrieking in terror, the bare-

LOTION company spokesperson Kevin Birnbaum.

UNDER ATTACK! Delia Hatcher shows how she fended off the snappy sea gulls in this reenactment.

en by an elderly couple. You should have seen their expressions when I dove through the open window and into their laps — without a stitch of clothing on!"

Delia was treated for minor injuries at a local hospital and released.

She's planning a lawsuit against the maker of the lotion.

Deep Seas spokesman Kevin Birnbaum insists: "We've never heard of anything like this happening before.

"It is possible that the product was used past its expiration date and became spoiled.

"I can assure you that used properly, Deep Seas is entirely safe."

Oldster gets drunk on mouthwash — holds wife hostage for 7 hours!

ROSTOCK, Germany — A senile senior got drunk on mouthwash and held his wife hostage for seven terrifying

over him. "There was no point in arresting him," said a

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HIGH-FAT DIET CAUSES CRIPPLING BRAIN CELLULITE!

Brain cellulite is REAL, neurologists have confirmed — and the crippling condition can cause memory loss, confusion and personality changes, according to a recent study.

"This is essentially fat on the brain," explained Doctor Erik Topgaard, co-author of the Danish study.

"Clusters of fatty brain cells interfere with neurotransmitters, slowing mental activity."

Until recently, many physicians denied that brain cellulite exists — just as they tried to convince the public that "there's no such thing" as the lumpy cellulite found on the thighs of middle-aged women. But

By GEORGE SANFORD
Weekly World News

PHOTO clearly shows brain cellulite.

the recent study — following on the heels of work done by American doctors, has ended such doubts.

U.S. experts now estimate as many as 2.5 million Americans suffer from the debilitating condition to at least a moderate degree, with most victims in their 40s and 50s.

The condition can be traced to a high-cholesterol, high-fat diet, said Dr. Topgaard. "We found that sufferers were twice as likely as non-sufferers to consume a diet rich in fat."

CAT-scans of victims' brains actually show bumpy, cottage-cheese-like surfaces, according to the expert.

"These fatty areas jiggle as the head moves."

Among the symptoms of brain cellulite:

- Difficulty remembering simple facts such as the name of someone met only moments before.
- Objects such as car keys and eye glasses are lost frequently.
- Simple items seen on TV news or read in newspapers become difficult to understand, seem confusing or unbelievable.
- Minor problems, which would have been ignored in the past, provoke outbursts of rage.

Fortunately, unlike Alzheimer's — a degenerative mental disease which primarily affects the elderly — there exists treatment for brain cellulite, revealed Dr. Topgaard.

"Regular exercise can help reduce this problem."

Checkers trivia!

Few people realize the original rules of checkers allowed a player, who maneuvers a game piece down to the "king row," to throw half a glass of cold water in his opponent's face!

Naughty hymn books shock church officials

CAPETOWN, South Africa — Embarrassed church officials ordered the confiscation of 32,000 new hymnals after they discovered printers had accidentally incorporated drawings from a sex manual into the holy song books.

The books, which had been distributed to churches around the country before the error was discovered, will be destroyed.

They are valued at $14 each and will be replaced free of charge by the publishing company, a spokesman for the Pentecostal Church of God said in a press release.

MONKEY MANNERS!

LIMA, Peru — For three weeks the best-selling book in this country has been *Modales Para Monos en la Mesa*, a 139-page volume instructing readers on how to teach a monkey to eat with silverware!

Publisher Manuel Lopez is as baffled as anyone. "I think people are reading it as a philosophy book," says Lopez. "They think it's full of symbols. But it's just a pet training book."

BEST-SELLING book instructs readers how to teach manners to monkeys.

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Ancient drawings prove . . .

CAVEMEN FEASTED ON BARBECUED DINOSAUR!

By RANDY JEFFRIES
Weekly World News

Ancient drawings on a cave wall contain recipes for cooking dinosaur meat — and they prove beyond a doubt that man walked the Earth millions of years before scientists once believed he did!

The recipes, found last month in a cave about 30 miles east of Saka, Kenya, clearly call for dinosaur meat. But according to experts in the field, dinosaurs disappeared from the Earth more than 60 million years before human beings evolved on this planet.

"This is the most astounding paleontological discovery of the century," says Dr. Werner Jurgens, world-renowned paleontologist from Hamburg, Germany.

"It means everything we thought we knew about how and when primitive man first came into existence is false."

The crude drawings show a velociraptor, a prehistoric reptile known to have died out at the close of the Cretaceous period, being cut up and roasted over a fire.

"This changes everything. It means that, 60 million years ago, an intelligent humanoid creature was not only alive, he was using fire, tools, and language," says Dr. Jurgens.

Although the art is basic and simple, the recipes seem to be sophisticated.

"Several of these pictures show plants and herbs being rubbed and sprinkled onto the meat," says Dr. Jurgens. "That would indicate that early man had a highly developed sense of taste because he was using seasonings."

Not everyone in the scientific community is impressed with the new discovery. Dr. Jorge Delgado, noted Spanish archaeologist, is reluctant to believe the drawings are genuine.

"This has to be a hoax," says Dr. Delgado.

"I suspect that someone is having a great laugh at the scientific

DINOSAURS like this allosaurus roamed the Earth 60 million years ago.

PALEONTOLOGIST Dr. Werner Jurgens.

'This discovery changes

MIND-BOGGLING cave drawings show cavemen butchering and barbecuing a massive dinosaur.

community right now."

But Dr. Jurgens stands by the validity of the find.

"Naturally 'hoax' is the first thing we suspected," he says. "That's why we brought in a team of experts from the archaeology department of Lyon University in France."

The experts ran dozens of tests on the drawings, checking the cave walls for rate of erosion, moisture and condensation levels, and even analyzing the residue that collected on the cave floor under the pictures. Their findings are absolutely conclusive: The paintings are millions of years old.

Dr. Jurgens says the recipes may be just the beginning of a whole series of discoveries that will be made by searching other caves in the area.

"If these early humans were cooking and using picture writing, who knows what inventions and other important evidence we may find in those caves," says Dr. Jurgens.

"It is conceivable that an entire lost civilization could come to light that would teach us volumes about the development of early man."

Recipe from the dawn of time!

Language experts from Lyon University in France worked out a rough translation of one of the recipes as it appears on the cave wall:

ROAST DINOSAUR

PREPARATION:

Step 1: Cut dinosaur's head, legs and tail off.

Step 2: Make several tears in the skin but do not remove it from the flesh.

Step 3: Drain out the blood.

Step 4: Rub the meat with sage or thyme. (*NOTE:* Experts aren't sure which plants the recipe refers to but the drawings resemble today's culinary herbs, sage and thyme.)

Step 5: Roast the meat over the fire until it turns black.

Step 6: Take it off and eat it.

ARE YOU A COMPULSIVE GAMBLER?

Take this quiz and find out!

If you can answer "yes" to at least seven of these 17 questions asked by Gamblers Anonymous, you might be a compulsive gambler who needs professional help.

1. Have you ever lost time from work because of gambling?
2. Has gambling ever made your life unhappy?
3. Have you ever felt remorse after gambling?
4. Has gambling affected your reputation?
5. Have you ever gambled to pay debts?
6. Has gambling caused a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?
7. After losing, did you feel like you must return quickly to win back your losses?
8. After a win, did you have a strong urge to return and win more?
9. Have you often gambled until your last dollar was gone?
10. Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?
11. Have you ever sold anything to finance gambling?
12. Were you reluctant to use gambling money for normal expenses?
13. Did gambling make you careless of the welfare of yourself and your family?
14. Have you ever gambled longer than you had planned?
15. Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble?
16. Have you ever considered committing an illegal act to finance gambling?
17. Has gambling caused you difficulty in sleeping?

SEA GULLS ADDICTED TO BURGERS & FRIES, SAYS BIRD EXPERT!

ARBROATH, Scotland — Sea gulls have turned into such fast-food freaks that they even attack sunbathers lunching on burgers and fries at the beach.

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- *"I put the magic pyramid next to the cash register in my business and I started to sell double."* (Patrick Douglas, from Salt Lake City)
- *"30 days after I received it I inherited a fortune that increased my capital."* (Alice Powell, from Chicago)
- *"I secretly asked for my two sons to get a good job and in 15 days the miracle happened."* (Geraldine Pages, from Bordeaux)
- *"In 5 days I got a well paying job. I had been looking for 3 months."* (Susana Avila, from Guadalajara)
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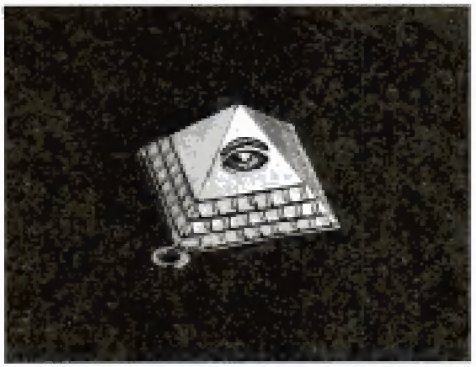

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